

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Monitoring of Army Supplies
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a truck load of diesel meant for the Army was siphoned-off and replaced with water recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the inquiry, if any, constituted for the purpose;
- (c) whether there is any mechanism in place to monitor the quality and quantity of Army supplies, across all categories, to ensure that only appropriate type of supplies reach the Army and its personnel;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken / proposed to be taken to make quality inspection more stringent to prevent recurrence of such incidents in the future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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- (a) & (b): No such case has been reported.
- (c) & (d): The following mechanism is in place in respect of Army supplies to ensure that appropriate type of supplies reach to the Army:-
 - (i) Dry rations are checked at Central Food Laboratories by scientific staff and approved by Defence Food Analysts.
 - (ii) Fresh rations are checked by Officer Commanding (OC) the units which issue the said rations. In addition, the Commanding Officer (CO) / OC of consumer units is also entitled to check rations and be assured of the quality before receipt.
 - (iii) A detailed system exists in each unit where cooked food is checked by Duty Officer before issue to troops, Commanding Officer of each unit also randomly checks the cooked food.
 - (iv) Station Commander of each military station / garrison is overall in charge of quality of ration issued to troops.
 - (v) Fuels are procured from the Public Sector Units (PSUs) oil companies and despatched from the oil terminals after quality check by their Quality Assurance (QA) laboratories. Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) is agency responsible for the quality inspection of oils, lubricants, greases and Hygiene Chemical for Armed Forces. The quality check is carried out by DGQA before despatch of items.
- (e) Does not arise.
